

## **SECTION C**

### **SUMMARY OF REVIEW OF RATES**

The Staff has verified the percent increase requested by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (hereinafter “the Company”) for each class by rate schedule by a computation of the presently approved rates and proposed rates applied to the April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004 test period data. This was combined with a review of the Company’s rates, tariffs and General Terms and Conditions. These figures are based on test year active customers’ billing determinants applied to the presently approved rates and the proposed rates. (See Utilities Department Exhibit No. 3). The Company’s retail rate schedules are grouped into three principal categories: Residential, General and Lighting. Exhibit No. 3 shows a breakdown of the General Service Class to differentiate between the Small, Medium and Large General Service Customers. The total requested increase to the Residential Class is 8.81%; the proposed increase to the Small General Service Class is 3.31%, with a 5.01% increase proposed for the Medium General Service Class and 2.01% increase proposed for the Large General Service Customer Class. The Total requested increase for the Lighting Class is 6.25%. The Company filed its application with the Commission based on a proposed fuel factor of \$0.01764 per KWH requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail electric rates and charges. Individual customer bill increases may vary depending upon actual usage pattern and amount of consumption.

The Company also proposes modification to its monthly basic facilities charge in its residential rates, an increase of \$1.00 in Rates 1, 2, 6, and 8. In Rate 5 it would be an increase from \$11.25 to \$12.70. The Company also proposes modification to its monthly basic facilities charge in its Small General Services Class ranging from \$0.25 to \$2.00; in its Medium General Service Class the Company proposes a \$20.00 increase; and in its Large General Service Class a \$100.00 increase.

The Company also proposes changes to its General Terms and Conditions for electric service increasing the Reconnection Fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00. Staff has prepared comparisons of the Company’s presently approved rates and those proposed in this Docket. The Residential Rates are compared at various energy consumption levels. The exhibits show the summer and winter season rates (See Utilities Department Exhibit No. 4). Included in these comparisons are the approved rates for Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas Inc., Duke Power and Lockhart Power Companies. A similar comparison of rates of the Residential Conservation Schedules of the three companies, excluding Lockhart Power is shown on Utilities Department Exhibit No. 5.

In a manner similar to that of the residential sector, the Company’s approved and proposed Small General Service, Medium General Service and Large General Service

Rates were compared. (See Utilities Department Exhibit No. 6). These comparisons were made using a table of varying demands from 3 KW with a corresponding energy usage of 375 KWH, to a demand of 500 KW with an energy consumption of 200,000 KWH on the Small General Service and the Medium General Service schedules as appropriate. Similarly, the Large General Service sector is compared using a demand of 1,000 KW at 400,000 KWH of energy to 50,000 KW of demand and 25,000,000 KWH of energy consumption. Three additional columns show the charge for the same usage levels and corresponding approved rate schedules of Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas Inc., Duke Power and Lockhart Power Companies.

Exhibit No. 7 shows a comparison of the number of complaints registered with the Commission's Consumer Services Department during the test year April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004 for South Carolina Electric & Gas, Carolina Power & Light Company d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas Inc., Duke Power and Lockhart Power Companies.